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PREVIEW

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BRUSSELS 267; (D) 77 BRUSSELS 19127; (E) 77 BRUSSELS

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1. ACCORDING TO COUNCIL AND PERMREP SOURCES, FOLLOWING
IS THE AGENDA FOR THE JANUARY 17 EC FOREIGN MINISTERS
COUNCIL:

(A) MTN:

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COUNCIL DEBATE WILL CENTER ON THE COMMUNITY'S GENERAL
POLITICAL APPROACH TO THE MTN, INCLUDING THE
TARIFF FORMULA (REF A).

(B) YUGOSLAVIA:

THE COUNCIL IS EXPECTED TO APPROVE A MANDATE FOR THE EC

COMMISSION TO NEGOTIATE WITH YUGOSLAVIA A NEW
COOPERATION AGREEMENT (REF B).

(C) CYPRUS: THE MINISTERS WILL DISCUSS THE CYPRIOT
REQUEST THAT THE COMMUNITY OFFER MORE GENEROUS
ARRANGEMENTS FOR AGRICULTURAL TRADE (REF C).

(E) EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DIRECT ELECTIONS:

THE MINISTERS MAY DISCUSS POSSIBLE DATES FOR THE FIRST
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DIRECT ELECTIONS, BUT NO DECISIONS
ARE EXPECTED. THE BRITISH ARE EXPECTED TO GIVE THE
MINISTERS SOME ESTIMATE ON WHEN ELECTIONS IN THE UK FOR
THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT CAN TAKE PLACE.

(F) STEEL:

THE MINISTERS ARE EXPECTED TO APPROVE FORMALLY A
COMMISSION PROPOSAL FOR PROHIBITING EC PRODUCERS FROM
DOWNWARD ALIGNMENT OF STEEL PRICES TO MEET COMPETITION
FROM THIRD COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE SIGNED BILATERAL
AGREEMENTS ON MARKET SHARES (REFS E AND F). HINTON

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